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STATE CAPITOL, }
HARRISBURG, PA., December 2, 1868. }

The Electoral College of Pennsylvania convened this day at 12 o'clock M., in the Senate Chamber, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and of the State of Pennsylvania.

The College was called to order by Mr. JOHNSON, who moved that THOMAS M. MARSHALL, of Allegheny county, be chosen President of the College.

The motion was seconded by Mr. COATES, and

Unanimously adopted.

Mr. MARSHALL was conducted to the Chair by Messrs. JOHNSON and COATES, when he addressed the College as follows, viz:

Gentlemen and Members of the Electoral College of Pennsylvania: We meet to-day under happy auspices. We meet under circumstances greatly differ-

ent from those under which our predecessors met four years ago. We have to-day but to record the ascertained will of the people of Pennsylvania and of the nation.

The verdict of the people has a deep significance. It says to all men that this is to be a free country, and that the accidents of birth or social condition shall not be perpetuated by law or by prejudice; but hereafter that this broad land—and every foot of it—shall be free to the energy, to the intelligence, and to the genius of every man. There shall be freedom of person and freedom of action, and freedom of speech all over this land; and that the man whom we shall help to choose for President to-day shall enforce the mutual obligations of protection and obedience which our law prescribes to all, so that in this great broad land of ours—from the rock-bound coasts of the Atlantic to the golden shores of the Pacific—every man shall be free, north and south, east and west, and the only requirement of citizenship shall be manhood and love of the principles of the Constitution.

I shall not extend my remarks further. We all desire to get home. We all desire to discharge with alacrity our great duty in casting the electoral vote of the country for General Grant, the country which, under God, he saved.

The next duty in order, gentlemen, is the election of Secretaries.

A motion was made by Mr. JOHNSON and Mr. HOOPES,

That GEORGE W. HAMERSLY, of Philadelphia, J. ROBLEY DUNGLISON, of Dauphin, and GEORGE F. MORGAN, of Allegheny, be the Secretaries of the College.

Which was unanimously agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. STEWART, of Franklin, that the Rev. Mr. MITCHELL, of Harrisburg, be invited to open the proceedings of the College with prayer.

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon

Mr. MITCHELL having been conducted to the President's desk, invoked the blessing of Almighty God as follows, viz.:

Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; we Thine unworthy servants present ourselves before Thee in the name of Him who is our only Mediator with Thee, praying that for His sake Thou wouldst listen to the voice of our petition, and grant us our prayer.

We thank and bless Thy Holy Name, O. Thou who art the High and Mighty Ruler of the Universe, for all the kindness Thou hast shown to our beloved land.

Thou hast, by Thy merciful hand, snatched it from the horrible pit and miry clay; and Thou hast granted unto it deliverance, complete and entire, out of the hands of those who wished it evil and who sought its destruction.

And now, for all that our Republic is to-day—for its peace, its integrity, its power—we render Thee our thanks. Continue these mercies, we beseech Thee, unto us, and unto our children's children, forevermore.

Fill up the portion of America, we pray Thee, with yet more bounteous and overflowing measures. Continue to put honor upon, and exalt the birthright of each one of her citizens, even the humblest. Let perfect peace; let the widest diffusion of intelligence; let the firmest establishment of justice, come in Thy Good Providence to this nation. Bless, O God, Thy servant, the President elect, who, by the voice of the people, is made their leader for the four years which are to come. Preserve his life. Defend him from the machinations of evil men who do not love their country or fear their God. Gird him with Thine own strength; guide him by Thine own hand, Preserve him from weakness, from error and from fear. Give him unto us a true and a faithful leader. Let America have a new and a more hopeful day; and let this blessed day of peace and of freedom, of knowledge and of holiness, enlighten and bless the world. And this we beg for Jesus' sake. Amen.

A motion was made by Mr. SILL and Mr. BARNES,

That a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the Electoral College of Pennsylvania is now in session, and ready to receive any communication he may have to make.

Which was agreed to, and

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. SILL, POLLOCK and JOHNSON as said committee.

A motion was made by Mr. HOOTON and Mr. FREW,

That Colonel HAMPTON S. THOMAS, of Chester county, be Sergeant-at-Arms to the College.

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. COATES and Mr. HILL,

That ANDREW ALEXANDER, of Philadelphia, be the Messenger of the College.

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. WILDEY and Mr. FREW,

That Captain G. L. BRAUN, of Allegheny, be Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to the College.

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. WILDEY and Mr. POLLOCK,

That JACOB STYERS, of Dauphin, and ISAAC HAMBERG, of Philadelphia, be Door Keepers to the College.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. SILL, from the committee appointed to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that the College was in session, reported :

That they had waited upon His Excellency, the Governor, and had been informed by him that he would communicate with the College in a few minutes, in writing.

A motion was made by Mr. HOOTON and Mr. WAGENSELLER,

That the forms and proceedings of the Electoral Colleges of 1860 and 1864 be adopted by this College.

Which was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. SILL and Mr. RANK,

That Messrs. CRAWFORD, JOHNSON and EWING be appointed a committee to examine and settle the accounts of the expenses of the College.

Which was agreed to.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth being introduced, presented a message from the Governor, which was read as follows, viz :

PENNSYLVANIA EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
HARRISBURG, Dec. 2, 1868. }

To the Honorable, the Electors for the State of Pennsylvania, of President and Vice President of the United States :

GENTLEMEN : In compliance with the provisions of the 3d section of the Act of Congress of the United States, approved the 1st day of March, A. D. 1792, I have caused three lists of the names of the Electors of the State of Pennsylvania to be made and certified in accordance with said act ; and also a copy of the Proclamation of the election of said Electors, together with a copy of the notification given them of their election, in accordance with the requirements of the act of Assembly, passed July 2d, 1839, all of which is herewith respectfully submitted for the use of the Electors.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, with much respect,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN W. GEARY.

The accompanying documents were as follows, viz :

PENNSYLVANIA, SS:

In the name and by the Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, John W. Geary, Governor of the said Commonwealth,

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, In and by an act of the General Assembly, entitled "An act relating to the elections of this Commonwealth," approved the second day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on receiving the returns of the election of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, to lay them before the Governor, who shall enumerate and ascertain the number of votes for each person voted for, and shall thereupon declare by proclamation the names of the persons duly elected:

And whereas, It appears from the returns laid before me by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the election of electors as aforesaid, held on Tuesday, the third day of November, 1868, that G. Morrison Coates, Thomas M. Marshall, William H. Barnes, William J. Pollock, Richard Wildey, George W. Hill, Watson P. Magill, John H. Bringham, Frank C. Hooton, Isaac Eckert, Maris Hoopes, David M. Rank, William Davis, Winthrop W. Ketcham, Samuel Knorr, Benj. F. Wagenseller, Charles H. Mullen, John Stewart, George W. Elder, Jacob Grafus, Jas. Sill, Henry C. Johnson, John K. Ewing, William Frew, Alexander W. Crawford and James S. Rutan are the persons duly elected electors of a President and Vice President of the United States, to serve at the election in that behalf, to be held at the seat of government of this State (being the city of Harrisburg, in the county of Dauphin), on the first Wednesday of December next, agreeably to the said act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, and the constitution and laws of the United States in such case made and provided.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at Harrisburg, this thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight and of the Commonwealth the ninety-third.

JNO. W. GEARY.

By the Governor:

F. JORDAN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, }
HARRISBURG, December 2, 1868.

PENNSYLVANIA, SS:

I do hereby certify that the within is a full, true and correct copy of the original "Proclamation of the election of Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States" as the same remains on file and of record in this office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Secretary's Office to be affixed, the day and year above written.

F. JORDAN.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The list of Electors communicated by the Governor being called, the following Electors answered to their names:

G. Morrison Coates,
Thos. M. Marshall,
Wm. H. Barnes,
Wm. J. Pollock,
Richard Wildey,
George W. Hill,
Watson P. Magill,
John H. Bringham,
Frank C. Hooton,
Isaac Eckert,
Maris Hoopes,
David M. Rank,
William Davis,

Winthrop W. Ketcham,
Samuel Knorr,
Benj. F. Wagenseller,
Charles H. Mullen,
John Stewart,
George W. Elder,
Jacob Grafius,
James Sill,
Henry C. Johnson,
John K. Ewing,
William Frew,
Alex. W. Crawford,
James S. Rutan.

On motion of Mr. MAGILL and Mr. DAVIS,

The College proceeded to ballot for a President of the United States.

Messrs. STEWART, BARNES and RUTAN were appointed Tellers.

The ballots of all the Electors having been taken, they were severally opened and read by the President and recorded by the Tellers; and the ballots and tally papers corresponding, it appeared, and was declared by the President, that

ULYSSES S. GRANT, of Illinois, had received twenty-six votes for President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. COATES and Mr. POLLOCK,

The College proceeded to ballot for a Vice President of the United States,

Messrs. STEWART, BARNES and RUTAN acting as Tellers.

The ballots of all the Electors being taken, they were severally opened and read by the President, and recorded by the Tellers; and the ballots and tally papers corresponding, it appeared and was declared by the President, that

SCHUYLER COLFAX, of Indiana, had received twenty-six votes for Vice President of the United States.

A motion was made by Mr. MAGILL and Mr. RANK,

That the Electors now proceed to sign the triplicate certificates of the votes given by them for President and Vice President of the United States.

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon

The certificates were signed in triplicate as follows, viz :

We, the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, being duly elected and appointed on the part of Pennsylvania by the people thereof, having met at the State Capitol, in the city of Harrisburg, the seat of Government, the first Wednesday in December, being the second day of the month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, in conformity to the provisions contained in the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Pennsylvania, proceeded by ballot to vote for President of the United States, on the part of Pennsylvania ; whereupon it appeared that ULYSSES S. GRANT, of Illinois, had twenty-six votes.

In testimony whereof, we the said Electors, have hereunto set our hands, and affixed our seals, the day and year aforesaid :

G. MORRISON COATES,	[L. S.]	WINTHROP W. KETCHAM,	[L. S.]
THOS. M. MARSHALL,	[L. S.]	SAM'L KNORR,	[L. S.]
WM. H. BARNES,	[L. S.]	BENJ. F. WAGENSELLER,	[L. S.]
WILLIAM J. POLLOCK,	[L. S.]	CHAS. H. MULLEN,	[L. S.]
RICHARD WILDEY,	[L. S.]	JNO. STEWART,	[L. S.]
GEORGE W. HILL,	[L. S.]	GEO. W. ELDER,	[L. S.]
WATSON P. MAGILL,	[L. S.]	JACOB GRAFIUS,	[L. S.]
JOHN H. BRINGHURST,	[L. S.]	JAMES SILL,	[L. S.]
FRANK C. HOOTON,	[L. S.]	HENRY C. JOHNSON,	[L. S.]
ISAAC ECKERT,	[L. S.]	JOHN K. EWING,	[L. S.]
MARIS HOOPES,	[L. S.]	WM. FREW,	[L. S.]
DAVID M. RANK,	[L. S.]	ALEX. W. CRAWFORD,	[L. S.]
WM. DAVIS,	[L. S.]	JAMES S. RUTAN,	[L. S.]

We, the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, being duly elected and appointed on the part of Pennsylvania, for the purpose, by the people thereof, having met at the State Capitol, in the city of Harrisburg, the seat of Government of the State, the first Wednesday in December, being the second day of the month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and in conformity to the provisions contained in the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Pennsylvania, proceeded by ballot to vote for Vice President of the United States on the part of Pennsylvania ; whereupon it appeared that Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana, had twenty-six votes.

In testimony whereof, we the Electors, have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, the day and year aforesaid :

G. MORRISON COATES,	[L. S.]	WINTHROP W. KETCHAM,	[L. S.]
THOS. M. MARSHALL,	[L. S.]	SAM'L KNORR,	[L. S.]
WILLIAM H. BARNES,	[L. S.]	BENJ. F. WAGENSELLER,	[L. S.]
WILLIAM J. POLLOCK,	[L. S.]	CHAS. H. MULLEN,	[L. S.]
RICHARD WILDEY,	[L. S.]	JOHN STEWART,	[L. S.]
GEORGE W. HILL,	[L. S.]	GEORGE W. ELDER,	[L. S.]
WATSON P. MAGILL,	[L. S.]	JACOB GRAFIUS,	[L. S.]
JOHN H. BRINGHURST,	[L. S.]	JAMES SILL,	[L. S.]
FRANK. C. HOOTON,	[L. S.]	HENRY C. JOHNSON,	[L. S.]
ISAAC ECKERT,	[L. S.]	JOHN K. EWING,	[L. S.]
MARIS HOOPES,	[L. S.]	WILLIAM FREW,	[L. S.]
DAVID M. RANK,	[L. S.]	ALEX. W. CRAWFORD,	[L. S.]
WILLIAM DAVIS,	[L. S.]	JAMES S. RUTAN.	[L. S.]

On motion of Mr. WILDEY and Mr. BRINGHURST,

The following resolution was twice read, considered and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to cause the list of Electors, and the certificates of votes given for President and Vice President of the United States, to be enclosed in the proper envelopes, and see that each package is sealed, directed, certified and signed according to law.

Whereupon

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. WILDEY, KETCHAM and EWING said committee,

On motion of Mr. HOOTON and Mr. FREW,

The following resolution was twice read, considered and adopted, viz:

Resolved. That Major JAMES S. RUTAN, one of the Electors, be appointed to take charge of one of the packages containing the lists of votes of this Electoral College for a President and Vice President of the United States, and deliver the same to the President of the Senate of the United States, at Washington, on or before the first Wednesday of January next.

The Electors then (with the exception of Mr. RUTAN) signed the following certificate, and it was delivered to Mr. RUTAN by the President, viz:

STATE CAPITOL OF PENNSYLVANIA, }
ELECTORAL COLLEGE, December 2, 1868. }

We, the undersigned, Electors for a President and Vice President of the United States, on the part of the State of Pennsylvania, do certify that James S. Rutan, one of the Electoral College of Pennsylvania, is hereby appointed to take charge of, and deliver to the President of the Senate of the United States, at Washington City, the seat of Government of the United States; and in case there shall be no President of the Senate at the seat of Government, on the arrival of James S. Rutan, entrusted with the list of votes of this Electoral Col-

lege, the said James S. Rutan shall deliver into the office of the Secretary of State, on or before the first Wednesday in January next, one of the packages containing the list of votes of this Electoral College for President and Vice President of the United States.

G. MORRISON COATES,
 THOMAS M. MARSHALL,
 WILLIAM H. BARNES,
 WILLIAM J. POLLOCK,
 RICHARD WILDEY,
 GEORGE W. HILL,
 WATSON P. MAGILL,
 JOHN H. BRINGHURST,
 FRANK C. HOOTON,
 ISAAC ECKERT,
 MARIS HOOPES,
 DAVID M. RANK,
 WILLIAM DAVIS,
 WINTHROP W. KETCHAM,
 SAMUEL KNORR,
 BENJ. F. WAGENSELLER,
 CHARLES H. MULLEN,
 JOHN STEWART,
 GEORGE W. ELDER,
 JACOB GRAFIUS,
 JAMES SILL,
 HENRY C. JOHNSON,
 JOHN K. EWING,
 WILLIAM FREW,
 ALEX. W. CRAWFORD.

On motion of Mr. FREW and Mr. ECKERT,

The following resolution was twice read, considered and adopted, viz :

Resolved, That Colonel JOHN H. BRINGHURST, one of the Electors, be appointed to take charge of one of the packages of votes and certificates, and deliver the same to John Cadwallader, Judge of the District Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. STEWART and Mr. EWING,

The following resolution was twice read, considered and adopted, viz :

Resolved, That B. F. WAGENSELLER, one of the Electors, be appointed to deliver one of the packages of votes and certificates directed to the President of the Senate of the United States, Washington City, D. C., to the Postmaster at the seat of government of this State.

Mr. WILDEY, from the committee appointed to cause the lists of Electors and the certificates of votes given for President and Vice President of the United States, to be enclosed in the proper envelopes, and see that each package is sealed, directed, certified and signed, according to law, reported :

That the committee have discharged the duties for which they were appointed; that the envelopes are inscribed upon the face with the following certificate, viz:

"We, the Electors, duly elected on the part of the State of Pennsylvania, to vote for a President and Vice President of the United States, do certify that a list of all the votes given for President (or Vice President) is contained herein."

And that the certificates are ready for delivery in the forms prescribed by law.

The PRESIDENT then delivered one of the packages containing a certificate of the votes given by the Electoral College for President of the United States, and one containing a certificate of the votes given for Vice President, directed to the "President of the Senate of the United States, Washington city," to JAMES S. RUTAN; and like packages directed to "John Cadwallader, Judge of the District Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia," to JOHN H. BRINGHURST: and the remaining packages directed to the "President of the Senate of the United States, Washington city, D. C.," to be delivered to the Postmaster at Harrisburg, to B. F. WAGENSELLER, who severally gave the following receipts therefor, viz:

HARRISBURG, PA., December 2, 1868.

Received from the President of the Electoral College of the State of Pennsylvania, a package containing lists of the votes given by the College for President and Vice President of the United States, to be by me delivered to the President of the Senate of the United States, Washington, D. C., to whom the same is directed; or if there shall be no President of the Senate of the United States at the seat of Government, on my arrival there, then to be delivered by me into the office of the Secretary of State, on or before the first Wednesday of January next.

JAMES S. RUTAN.

HARRISBURG, PA., December 2, 1868.

Received from the President of the Electoral College of the State of Pennsylvania, a package containing certificates of the votes given by the College for President and Vice President of the United States, to be by me delivered to the Postmaster in this place, to be forwarded to "the President of the Senate of the United States, Washington City, D. C.," to whom the same is directed.

B. F. WAGENSELLER.

HARRISBURG, PA., December 2, 1868.

Received from the President of the Electoral College of the State of Pennsylvania, a package containing lists of the votes given by the College for President and Vice President of the United States, endorsed, "The President of the

Senate of the United States, Washington City, D. C.," and enclosed in this direction: "Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia," to be by me delivered to said Judge in ten days from this date.

JOHN H. BRINGHURST.

Mr. CRAWFORD, from the committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Electors, and the expenses of the College, reported a resolution, which was twice read, considered and adopted as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the President draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer for eight hundred and thirty one dollars, to pay the amount due the Electors and officers of the College, and to defray the contingent expenses thereof.

A warrant was accordingly so drawn.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON and Mr. KETCHAM,

The following resolution was twice read, considered and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretaries be required to file a copy of the proceedings of this College, including the message of the Governor and accompanying documents, in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and that the Governor be requested to transmit the same to the next Legislature, with the view of having the same entered upon the journals thereof.

On motion of Mr. CRAWFORD and Mr. BARNES,

The following resolution was twice read, considered and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a copy of the eloquent address delivered by Hon. THOMAS M. MARSHALL on taking the chair, be requested for publication in the Journal of the proceedings of the Electoral College.

On motion of Mr. HILL and Mr. ELDER,

The following resolution was twice read, considered and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the Hon. THOMAS M. MARSHALL for the able manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this College.

On motion of Mr. KETCHAM and Mr. HOOPES,

The following resolution was twice read, considered and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this College are hereby tendered to Messrs. HAMERSLY, MORGAN and DUNGLISON for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have performed their duties as Secretaries.

On motion of Mr. BARNES and Mr. MULLEN,

The following resolution was twice read, considered and adopted, viz :

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the proceedings of the Electoral College be printed for the use of the members, provided the expense thereof does not exceed one hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. BARNES and Mr. RANK,

The College adjourned *sine die*.

GEORGE W. HAMERSLY,	} Secretaries.
J. ROBLEY DUNGLISON,	
GEORGE F. MORGAN,	



